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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a three-count indictment¹ charging CHRISTOPER FASSETT with possession of cocaine base ("crack") with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Christopher Fassett	Philadelphia, PA	32 years old

If convicted, Fassett faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 22 years imprisonment, up to lifetime supervised release with a mandatory minimum of 6 years supervised release, a \$2,500,000 fine and a \$300 special assessment. This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jessica Natali. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

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